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(U//LES) The ATF Dallas Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) is releasing this advisory to provide awareness to law enforcement partners regarding items known as Glock selector switches. ATF has seen a marked increase in the recovery of these devices, especially in the Dallas/ Ft Worth metroplex. A Glock selector switch allows conversion of semi-automatic Glock type firearms into machine guns, allowing multiple rounds to be fired by a single function of the trigger. Such devices present a potential safety threat to law enforcement officers and the public. Installation of these devices can result in a firearm having the capability of firing up to 1200 rounds per minute.

(U//LES) A Glock selector switch (also known as a Glock switch, Glock auto sear, Glock chip, or Glock drop in auto sear) is a part or combination of parts meeting the Federal statutory and regulatory definition of a "machine gun", used to convert semi-automatic Glock type handguns into a fully automatic configuration. The Glock selector switch meets the definition of a "machinegun", without installation onto a firearm. These devices are typically purchased through online channels and illegally imported into the United States.

(U//LES) Federal law prohibits the manufacture, transfer, or possession of machine guns manufactured after May 18, 1986, unless such activities are conducted by a law enforcement agency or a federally licensed firearms dealer authorized to conduct such operations. Due to changes in Texas statutory law, the State is now required to produce evidence showing that any machine gun is not lawfully registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record (NFRTR), which is maintained by the ATF. Since ATF is prohibited by Federal law from releasing any information from the NFRTR, prosecutions under Texas State law for these statutes (Texas Penal Code 46.05(a)(1)(B)), are not possible. Accordingly, these cases must be prosecuted under Federal jurisdiction.



(U//LES) To refer information related to Glock switches please contact the ATF Dallas CGIC at dallasintel@atf.gov or call 469 451-4799.

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